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Regular Meeting of the Common Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, June 19, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room:

Presiding: Mayor Tousignant
Present: Council Members Burke, Rigoni, VanLaanen, Caudell, Jacobs and Tchokreff
Also Present: City Atty. Pirkola

The agenda was approved as amended by the following:

Agenda

New Business

- 6. Request to close Chapin Street from 6:00 to 11:00 pm on July 1st
- 7. Blight Ordinance discussion

The minutes of the previous meeting of June 5, 2006 stand approved as submitted.

Minutes

Public Comment

Susan Khoury, 518 W Fleshier – stated that the grass and weeds in the cemetery are overgrown. She was also concerned about abandon and neglected houses on the 500 block of W Fleshier.

Jeff Jayne, 1130 Bayshore Dr. – discussed the efforts of the Lake Antoine Association to control the Eurasian Water Milfoil growth in Lake Antoine. This year the treatment will be using 50% more of the chemical 240D to attempt and control the growth. He was seeking a \$1,000 to \$2,000 donation to help with the effort.

Dale Alessandrini, 1120 Iron Mountain St. – asked if the Reappraisal had already been started and questioned the bid process for this project.

Vera Hasenjaeger, 604 W Brown St. – asked for signage to stop cars from parking in front of her sidewalk, due to a handicapped daughter in-law she is providing care for.

Ken Kramer, 712 W Ludginton – questioned the blight notice he received for a steeply pitched front yard that had longer grass.

Old Business

It was moved by Rigoni and supported by Burke to award the stump removal contract to Wirtz’s Tree Service for the quoted price of \$22 p/stump.
Motion prevailed unanimously.

Tree Stump Contract

It was moved by VanLaanen and supported by Tchokreff to award the concrete container contract to FSC Construction in the amount of \$22,268 and Alternate #1 in the amount of \$2,800.

Concrete Container Contract

Motion prevailed to wit:

Ayes: (6) Tousignant, Burke, Rigoni, VanLaanen, Caudell, and Tchokreff
Nays: (0)
Abs: (1) Jacobs

New Business

It was moved by VanLaanen and supported by Rigoni to appoint Mr. Jim Benbow to the City Planning Board.

**Planning Board
Appointment**

Motion prevailed unanimously.

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Jacobs to appoint Mr. Bruce LeBlanc to the Downtown Development Authority

**DDA
Appointment**

Motion prevailed unanimously.

It was moved by Burke and supported by Tchokreff to approve a Resolution to submit a grant application to undertake a sanitary sewer system city wide evaluation as well as an analysis of the potential to extend sanitary sewer to Pine Mountain.

**S2 Grant
Strategic Plan**

Motion prevailed unanimously.

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by VanLaanen to approve a Resolution and supporting contractual documents for the Safety Enhancement project at the Kramer Road/West Walker/Lower Pine Mountain intersection

**Kramer Road
Safety
Enhancement**

Motion prevailed to wit:

Ayes: (6) Tousignant, Burke, Jacobs, VanLaanen, Caudell, and Tchokreff

Nays: (0)

Abs: (1) Rigoni

It was moved by Jacobs and supported by Caudell to approve year end budget amendments.

**Year End
Budget
Amendments**

Motion prevailed unanimously.

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by VanLaanen to close Chapin St. from 4th street to Archie Larson's driveway on July 1, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.. Approval of closing is contingent on Chief Flaminio's approval and no expenses being incurred by the City.

**Chapin Street
Closing**

Motion prevailed unanimously.

The City Council had a discussion of the current enforcement practice of the City's Blight Ordinance. The Council agreed that the ordinance is important but the City needs to reevaluate the enforcement of the ordinance. It was decided to schedule a meeting of the executive committee who will come back with a recommendation on how the ordinance will be enforced.

**Blight Ordinance
Discussion**

Financial Reports

The Council reviewed the Payroll Report for the Month of May with regular wages in the amount of \$231,872.69 and OT in the amount of \$20,528.44. The Council also reviewed Claims in the amount of \$422,380.87.

**Claims and
Payroll**

It was moved by Tchokreff and supported by Rigoni to approve Claims and Payroll in the amounts noted above.

Motion prevailed unanimously.

City Manager Reports

None

City Attorney Reports

City Attorney Pirkola reported that a pending lawsuit by a former Fire Chief was dismissed by the judge.

Committee Reports

Council Member Jacobs made a recommendation from the Park and Recreation Committee that \$2,000 is given for treatment of the Eurasian Water Milfoil invasion at Lake Antoine. It was moved by Jacobs and supported by Caudell to approve \$2,000 donation to treat the Eurasian Water Milfoil invasion at Lake Antoine.

Eurasian Milfoil Treatment

Motion prevailed unanimously.

The Park and Recreation Committee also reported that they discussed the possibility of a Skateboard Park in the City of Iron Mountain

Public Comment

Susan Khoury, 518 W Fleshiem St. – was concerned that the City may be understaffed.

Ken Kramer, 712 W Ludington St. – commented on the blight ordinance again.

William Toedter, 631 E C St. – would like to see an upgrade to the sewer system in his neighborhood because his basement continually floods. He would also like to see uniform requirements for the height of hedges.

Council Member Privilege

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Jordan Stanchina
Clerk-Treasurer